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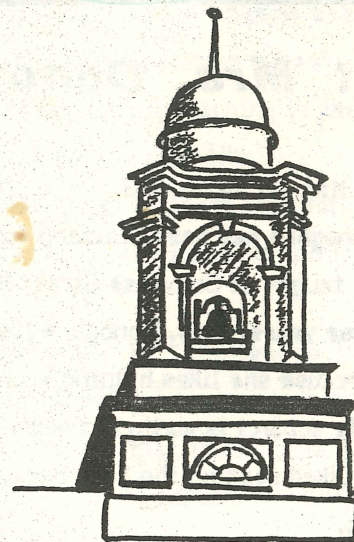
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## FIRST GRADERS RING IN NEW YEAR

By Mrs. Palazzi's First Grade

My New Year's Resolution is...

- Jennifer Holmes...to clean up my room.  
Matthew Schill...to stop eating junk food.  
Jennet White...to stop biting my nails.  
Jenny Weeks...to stop biting my nails.  
Tiffany Brinkmann...to listen to my mother.  
Moises Marshall...to stop biting my fingernails.  
Michael Sutton...to stop throwing snowballs at my brother.  
Margaret O'Brien...to clean up my room and not tell lies.  
Tessa Hayes...to stop biting my nails and stop eating junk.  
Lyndsay Adams...not to hit my baby brother and to clean my room.  
Jennifer Territo...to play with my sister and play with my friends.  
Rebecca Chernock...to be good at home by listening to my mother.  
Jenna Griggs...to always clean my room and to stop biting my nails.  
Jana Roberts...to stop hitting my sister and to stop drinking beer.  
Jeremy Michael...to stop fighting with my sister and to make some new friends.  
James Ray...to stop fighting with my sister and to listen to my mom and dad.  
Erik Turnberg...to go on a diet, to stop biting my nails and to stop nibbling on my shirts.  
Christopher George...to stop biting my nails, to listen to my mom and not to fight with my brother.  
Elisabeth Gailun...to stop fighting with my brothers, always eat my dinner and always listen to my parents.  
Jason Smith is on vacation.



## HIGHLIGHTS

This issue contains articles on the following topics:

**FIRST GRADE:** Interviews With Students and Teachers, Learning to Read, Writings by Students

**NEWS AND NEW THINGS:** Statue of Liberty, Halley's Comet, Resolutions, New Students, and Ski Lessons

**BRAINTEASERS:** Maze, Secret Code, Crossword, Riddles, and More!

**SCIENCE:** Cool Experiments, Winter Wonder, Recipes (very original), and More!





## The Scoop On...

### FIRST GRADE

## About Mrs. Donoghue

By Michael Smith Gr.3

Mrs. Donoghue has been teaching for 19 years. She taught at Converse Street School for four of those years. Mrs. Donoghue likes teaching because she likes helping young people. Her favorite subject is math, but when I was in her class I liked reading the best because she made it fun.

Mrs. Donoghue has lived in East Longmeadow for 8 years. When I asked her what else she would like to be if she weren't a teacher, she said, "any other job helping young people!"

## Good Humored Teachers

Thanks to the good-humored cooperation of the First-Grade Teachers, this issue has lots of interviews and articles focused on or written by first-graders. NewsCenter could not succeed without the teachers' support!

## STORIES ABOUT SAM THE DOG

By Some of Mrs. Donoghue's First Graders

By Greg Hill Gr.1

I am Sam. I like to sit and sit, and sometimes I sit in the middle of the road. Sometimes I even sit so long that a spider spins a web!

By Lara Booth Gr.1

I am Sam. I sit and sit all day. I do! But when I want to go some place else, I go there!

By Jaime Buehl Gr.1

I am Sam. I like to sit. I like to block the road, but I don't like to move out of the way! I am white. I have no enemies. Sometimes people call me a plant because I stand still for a very long time.

By Lindsey Burke Gr.1

I am Sam. I can leap, but I will not leap. I can run, but I will not run. I can sit and I will sit. I like to sit and sit and sit!

By Evan Buscemi Gr.1

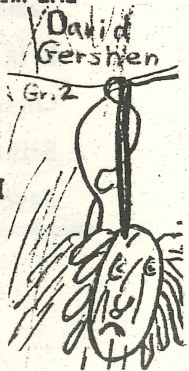
I am Sam. I won't jump or run or leap. I will only swim and all the sea animals are my friends so I swim and swim and swim and swim and swim!

By Abby Nelson Gr.1

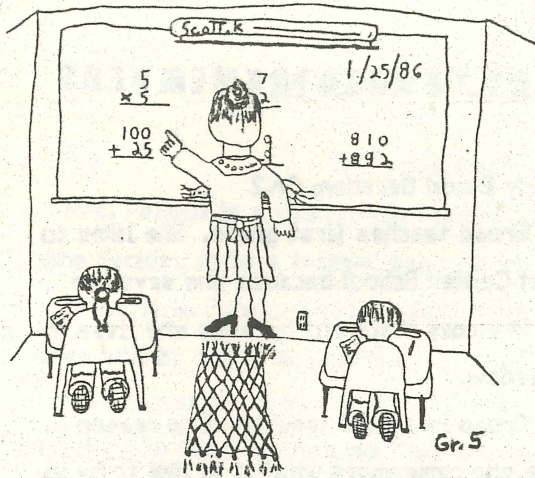
I am Sam. I will go on a big adventure. I will climb a big mountain. When I get there I will sit at the top of the mountain.

By Nathan Portier Gr.1

I am Sam. I like to sit. One time I sat too long and now I have a cobweb stuck on me. And one time I blocked the road by sitting in the middle of an intersection and this man tried to make me sit by the tree. I like to sit.







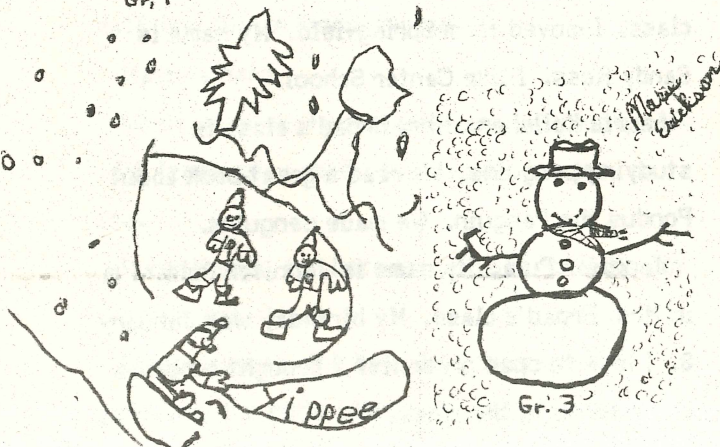
## WINTER WONDERMENT

By Joshua Randall

-One of Mrs. Moser's First-Graders-

I like the season winter because I like ice skating and I take ice skating lessons in an Arena where they make ice. It is fun to make snowmen and play in the snow, and sometimes even slipping and sliding on the ice. Once in a great while I like the snow falling on my head, and sledding on a huge, huge, huge hill. And I like to see the last bird fly south. Skiing is fun, and even shovelling the snow! The trees are pretty all white. I look at them when I'm just lying in the snow and watching the snow fall.

Laurie Kelleher  
Gr. 1



## Meet

her **rs. Moser**

By Sharon Ritchie Gr.5

Mrs. Faith Moser is a first grade teacher at Center School. Mrs. Moser loves to teach because she likes the challenge of meeting individual's needs because it is very "fulfilling, rewarding and satisfying to know you are helping to develop young minds during these exciting times". The thing she doesn't like about teaching is that too often teachers are not treated like professionals. She likes to teach reading the most because it can be very exciting and is the basis for most learning.

Mrs. Moser has taught in Longmeadow for 17 years. Before she came to Longmeadow, she taught in Springfield. She feels that teaching is a born quality not a skill you just acquire in college. There are 20 children in Mrs. Moser's class. When asked why she teaches first grade, Mrs. Moser answered, "I didn't know there was any other! Is there?"

Mrs. Moser likes teaching at Center because she loves the beauty and architecture of an old building, and because "we have a great bunch of kids at Center"! Outside of school, Mrs. Moser's main interest are: first, her family, and then music (especially piano), theatre, travel, skiing and going to Nantucket Island.

If Mrs. Moser were not a teacher, she says she would be an actress on the live stage (not in the movies). She definitely plans to be that actress in "the next world"!!!





## Center Point

By Mr. Carl Tripp, Principal

This issue of NewsCenter deals with First Grade. First Grade is about beginnings. I like to think of those wonderful times along the way when we realize for the first time that we can do something. First Grade is full of those times.

I often see a broad smile come to the face of a First Grader when he or she reads a long word or spells a hard word or realizes that subtraction is not a mystery, but just the opposite of addition.

The early school years, then, are a time for discovering many things about ourselves.

The most important thing that we learn about ourselves is that we can do so many things. Almost every day of our early school years, we learn something new.

Sometimes, when new things seem to be hard, we start to feel that we cannot do this new thing or that new thing. That is the time for all of us to look at our First Grade experience and to remember the good feeling of discovery. What we discover in First Grade is that we CAN DO.

When each of you leaves Center School, I hope that you leave with a feeling of excitement in knowing that there are so many things to discover, and that you have the power within you to discover and to learn.

LET'S ALL BE FIRST GRADERS FOREVER!

## MRS. BROAD REMEMBERS

By David Gershen, Gr.2

Mrs. Broad teaches first grade. She likes to teach at Center School because she says our school is a cozy place and because she lives in Longmeadow.

Mrs. Broad is a good teacher. One reason is because she remembers what it is like to be in the first grade. Mrs. Broad went to school in New York City and felt a little scared in the first grade, but loved her teacher, so that made her feel better.

Mrs. Broad likes to do many things besides working with children. She likes to sing, listen to music, read, play tennis and in the winter, cross-country ski. When Mrs. Broad was asked if she could have one wish, what would it be, she said she would wish for lots more wishes!

## COMINGS AND GOINGS

By Some of Mrs. Broad's First Graders

Cira Mann...My name is Cira Mann. I'm in Mrs. Broad's class. Soon I will move to Pittsburg. I hope I make friends. I'll miss Center School.

Sandy Ross...I'm a new girl in Mrs. Broad's class. I moved from Springfield. My name is Sandy Ross. I like Center School.

Laurie Kelleher...Mrs. Broad's class is studying penguins. We read a great book about Pongus the Penguin. We made penguins.

Jennifer Pula...My name is Jennifer Pula. I'm in Mrs. Broad's class. My birthday was January 8. I love to open presents! I brought cupcakes and cookies to the class.



## MRS. PALAZZI INTERVIEWED

By Jackie Menard, Gr.5

Mrs. Palazzi is a first grade teacher at Center School. This is her first year teaching first graders. She decided to be a teacher because when she was growing up she loved school and often played school. So far Mrs. Palazzi and her class have gone to the apple orchard at Bluebird Acres and the Fire House. They will be going to Laughing Brook in the Spring.

Mrs. Palazzi's interests out of school are music and skiing. Mrs. Palazzi thinks the best part about teaching is the kids because they are so eager to learn. She has twenty kids in her class.

Mrs. Palazzi now teaches first grade because Center School needed a first grade teacher, and she thought a change would be nice. (She used to teach third grade.) Her favorite subject to teach is reading.

Over the holiday vacation, Mrs. Palazzi planned on going to visit her family and maybe going skiing. Her best memory of teaching is the year the third grade put on the musical "Hansel and Gretel". Mrs. Palazzi says, "If I weren't a teacher, I'd be a nurse". We're glad she's a teacher!

### In First Grade We...

By Carrie J. Magovern, Gr.5

After interviewing a first grader, I found out some of the things they think about school:

First graders have to do harder work than in Kindergarten.

There's more time to do things in first grade because you stay at school all day instead of half day, like in Kindergarten.

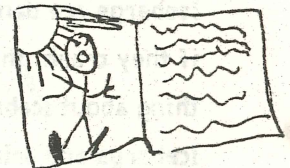
Math is hard.

When you finish your work, you can paint, play with legos, play checkers, play tic tac toe, or draw.

Lunchtime is fun because you get to talk with all your friends.

During recess, the boys like to chase the girls, and the girls like to chase the boys!

### "Rēād"



Roxanne Stahl Gr.1

By Ashley Witzemberger and Kim Thomas, Gr.4

We interviewed the first grade teachers and Mr. Tripp about how the first graders learn how to read. The first thing that they need to learn is long and short vowels and other rules which are called "the phonics rules".

The first graders have five reading books they use in their reading groups. We use the Economy Company reading series throughout all the grades.

Mr. Tripp thinks it is the best company to use, but we are always looking for new and better ideas. Mrs. Donoghue says that the kids love it because it opens up a new world for them.

Mr. Tripp thinks that we are doing well in teaching reading, and hopes we stay that way!



## Islands Of Ice

By Joshua Randall Gr.1

An iceberg is an island made of ice. Icebergs form when waves hit glaciers and they crack. Big pieces of ice fall off into the ocean. There are icebergs in Greenland and Antarctica. They are far north and far south, and in the oceans. Icebergs move because the currents push them. They move into the warm part of the water and start melting. After a long long time they melt down into the water.

Little icebergs are as big as a football field. Big ones are as big as a city! Only some of the iceberg is at the top of the water. There is a lot more of the iceberg below the water. Icebergs are dangerous to boats and ships because if they crash, the boat could sink. One good thing about icebergs is that birds land on the icebergs and drink the fresh water on them. The ocean water is salty but the iceberg water is clean and fresh because snow isn't made of salt water, and the iceberg is made of snow and ice!



## GLACIERS

By Geryk Paige Gr.1

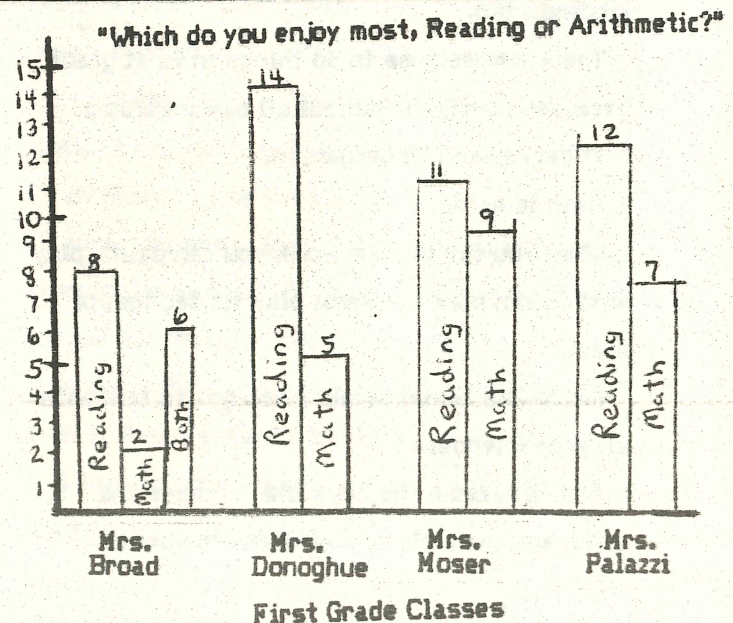
The snow packs hard and becomes ice. This large body of ice moves slowly. Now it is a glacier. Ice in glaciers may be thousands of feet thick. At the South Pole, the ice may be three miles thick. The glaciers made of this ice move slowly toward the ocean.

I found this in the book, GLACIERS AND ICEBERGS in our school library.

## First Grade Poll

By Joshua Randall Gr.1, Tessa Hayes Gr.1, Katie Girotti Gr.3, and Carrie Magovern Gr.5

We asked the first graders in all four classes, "Which do you enjoy most, Reading or Arithmetic?" We asked 74 Kids. 45 said they liked reading best, 23 said they liked math best, and 6 voted for both the same.

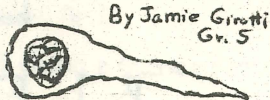




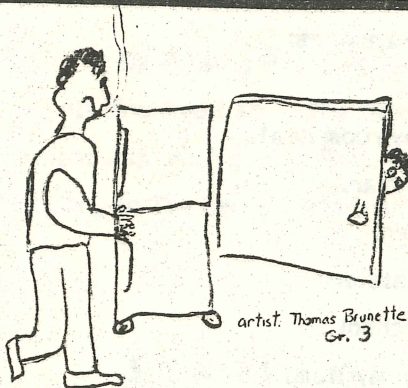
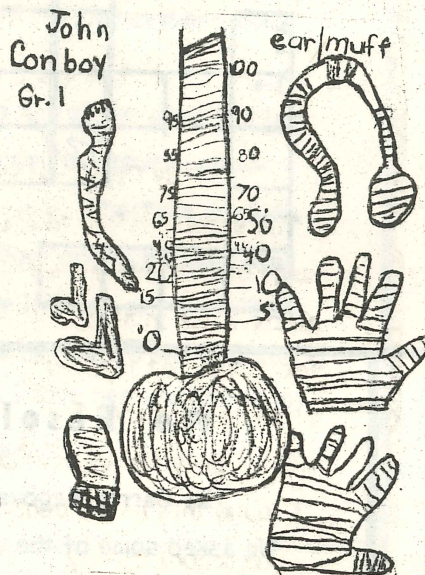
# Knock! Knock!

Jokes made up by Thomas Brunette and Michael Kelleher Gr.3

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Star.  
Star who?  
Star-ing Halley's Comet!



Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Alaska.  
Alaska who?  
A'l-ask-a what the weather is!  
Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Water.  
Water who?  
Wa-ter cold day it is!

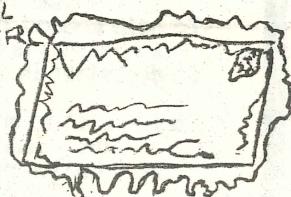


Knock Knock jokes from a book:

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Myra  
Myra who?  
My ra-frigerator needs defrosting.

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Letter.  
Letter who?  
Let-ter in. It's cold outside.

MICHAEL KELLEHER Gr. 3



## Find The Words

By Jessica Roche Gr.5

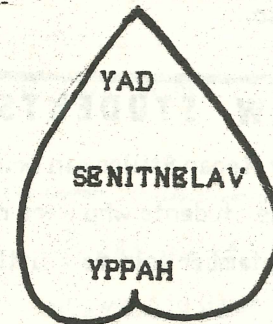
Find these hidden words:

first grade teacher read rules recess

SPTEACHERSPC  
GARSRRULESEL  
AREPAESPDCBF  
BCATECLURERI  
TEDDREATTCSR  
GHRHESDERSTS  
GRATESHETSET

## Secret Message

By Katie Girotti Gr.3



## CIPHER CODE

By Ben Mikesh, Gr.3

Secret Code:

: @ £ 6 = ' ' % ? j = \* - ; ! #  
" ; / @ £ , / ; : % ?

Cipher:

A ;	H -	O @	V \$
B %	I =	P 2	W 6
C *	J £	Q <	X +
D #	K &	R j	Y :
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Answers on pg. 15



## Famous Sayings Crossword

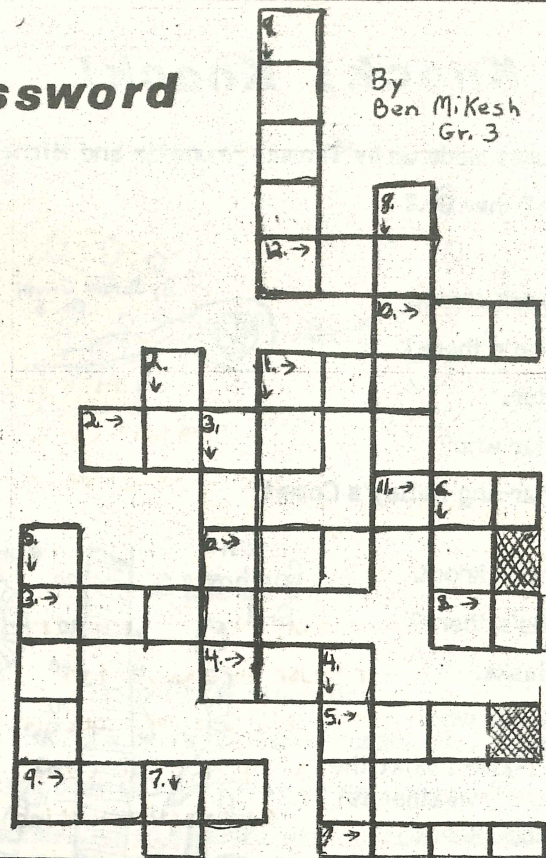
By Ben Mikesh Gr.3  
Crossword Clues

Down

1. A bird — the hand is worth two in the bush.
2. Opposite of yes.
3. Our alphabet can make \_\_\_\_\_.
4. First garden.
5. Mean giants.
6. A date marked in time.
7. Mission Impossible (Abbr.)
8. Little ape.
9. — oaks from little acorns grow.

Across

1. Writing fluid
2. Opposite of up
3. All that glitters is not \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What your eyes do.
5. — in, — out.
6. Past tense of run.
7. Zero.
8. Like.
9. Opposite of different.
10. — hear this, — hear this!
11. Opposite of 2 down.
12. Also.



By  
Ben Mikesh  
Gr. 3

## NEW STUDENTS

By Megan Stillerman Gr.3

Some of the students who were new to Center School in September told me a little about themselves:

Elizabeth Navratil came from Ohio. She likes it here, and is comfortable here. She likes math and maps. She also like Kickball. She is in Mrs. Moser's first grade class.

Brianne Gruscka comes from Bibich School in Dyer, Indiana. She likes it here, and is comfortable. She likes reading because she learns a lot. Brianne also likes to run. She is also in Mrs. Moser's class.

Rebecca Freedberg came from Huntingtown Elementary School in Maryland. She likes it here because we have three recesses, and the teachers are nice. Her favorite subject is reading, and her favorite sport is gymnastics. She is in Mrs. St. Amand's third grade class.

## We Resolve...

By Carrie Magovern, Gr.5

We asked some of the older classes what one of their New Year's Resolutions will be, and these are some of their answers:

To always keep my room neat.

To have a better year.

To read more often.

To be nice to my sister.

To work hard in school.

To not argue with my Mom.

To reach all of the goals I can.

To be nice to my brother.

To help around the house.

To do better in sports.

To be nicer to my parents.

To be a better person.



## Poetry - - Creative Writing

### SURPRISE !

By Laurie Kelleher Gr.1

On Christmas morning I found a Guinea Pig!  
She had a cage and water bottle and a dish of pellets. I was so surprised to see her! She is tan, black and white, and I named her Checkers. She really likes her cage, but sometimes she tries to eat it.

Sometimes she comes out of her cage to play, but one time she ran under the couch and we caught her on the other end. Checkers squeaks when the refrigerator door opens because she knows she will eat. She likes to eat everything that a bunny eats and some things she shouldn't, like the woodwork. But I love her and she is my favorite Christmas present!

### Secrets

By Jessica Roche Gr.5

Only You And I Know The Secrets Of Our  
Friendship, As Forever They Are Kept Locked,  
Locking In The Secret Beautiful Thoughts.

### SNOWFLAKES

By Hadley Perkins Gr. 3

Snowflakes, Snowflakes large or small,  
Snowflakes, Snowflakes everywhere this is a  
message to you,  
Snowflakes, Snowflakes so nice and small,  
Snowflakes, Snowflakes I like you all!

### Winter Is Fun

By Katie Girotti Gr.3

Winter is so fun, so fun,  
There is still the sun.  
But the snow is so so fun,  
It's fun for skiing in the sun.  
It's fun to sled in the winter.

### HAIKU

By Jeremy Gershen Gr.2

It is snowy out.  
We can go outside and play.  
Santa will be here.

## Answers

Answers to Games on pg. 10

Answers to Scrambled Letters:

WAX, AX and GIANT, ANT

Answer to Eggs Riddle:

One. After that his stomach isn't empty anymore.

Answer to Kangaroo:

For eating crackers in bed.

Answer to Cow:

A coward.

Answer to ox:

Oxygen

Answer to Apple:

It can look round.

Answers to A Wintry Code:

ice blizzard snowman mitten





## ASK ME!

This Month By Katie Girotti, Gr.3

and

Ryan Hutchins, Gr.4

Dear Ask Me,

If my Mom has a baby, I think he will bite, hit, grab, and worse than that!

Worried

Dear Worried: Don't worry! I've had experience, and my sister never did those things.

Dear Ask Me,

How do you get your sister to ask your father to give you a ride home when you live two miles away and it's freezing out?

Frozen

Dear Frozen: Well, call your father yourself!

Dear Ask Me,

When my son says he wants to bring his lunch to school instead of buy it there, I make him a lunch. But when he comes home, he's hardly eaten a thing. I hate to waste food. What should I do?

Parent

Dear Parent: Make him pay a dime for every piece of food he brings home.

Dear Ask Me,

In the cubby room in the school, I always get a headache because it's always noisy. What should I do?

Headache

Dear Headache,

I would talk to the Principal about it and ask him to speak to the classes about it.

Dear Ask Me,

I am going on a diet, but I can't stop eating candy. How do I stop?

Desperate

Dear Desperate,

Tell your mother not to buy you any more candy.

Dear Ask Me,

I have no friends. I am a nerd. I don't know how to make a friend. Please help me make a friend.

Help!

Dear Help!

Try being nice to people, and they'll be nice back to you.

## LOST and FOUND

By Katie Girotti Gr.3

It seems like kids at Center School lose a lot of clothes. When kids find things, they put them in the Lost and Found Box. Right now the following things are in the Lost and Found:

- 1 Button Sweater
- 1 Sweatshirt with hood
- 1 Fall Jacket
- 1 Smock
- 1 Black Belt
- 3 Pullover Sweaters
- 3 Scarfs
- 14 Hats
- 36 Mittens



Roxanne Stahl Gr.1



# The Year Of Ms. Liberty

By Allison Grace, Gr.4

On the Statue of Liberty there is a poem by Emma Lazarus. It says, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

## What Does It Mean?

By Melissa DeLima Gr.2

This is a sign of friendship to anyone who enters.

By Allison Grace Gr.4

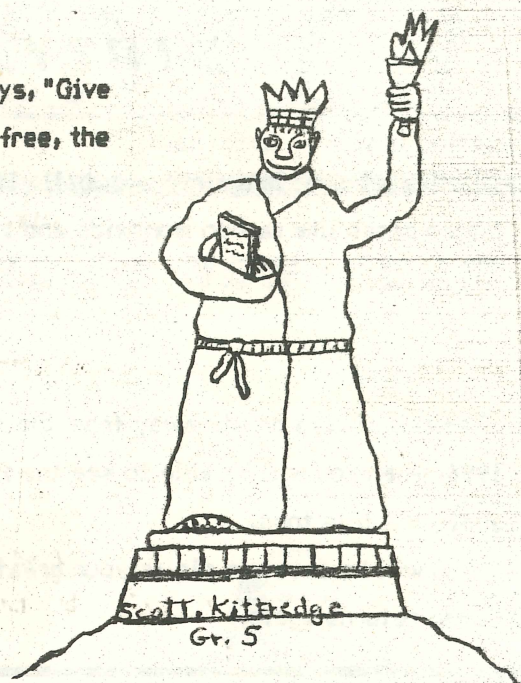
America is here and beautiful! Come see me whoever you are.

By Lisa Ann DeLima Gr.4

Welcome! This is a sign of Friendship.

By Dali Mukherjee Gr.4

Welcome to a very free, adventurous and peaceful land.



## WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

Answers to Games on pg. 11

S P T E A C H E R S P C  
G A R S R U L E S L  
A R E P A E S P D C E F  
B C A T E C L U R E R I  
T E D D R E A T T C S R  
G H R H E S D E R S T S  
G R A T E S H E T S E T

Answer to Secret Message:

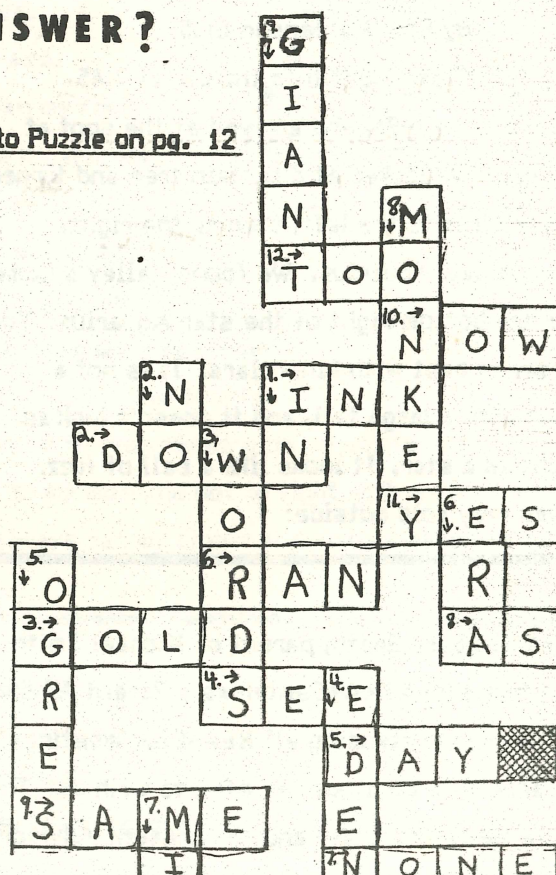
HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

Answer to Cipher Code:

YOU WILL BE RICH AND

FAMOUS MAYBE

Answer to Puzzle on pg. 12

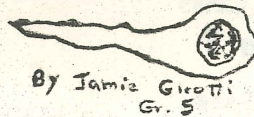




## DIRTY SNOWBALL FLIES

By Erik Turnberg Gr.1

Halley's Comet is a dirty snowball. It is a cold lump of ice, dust and stones mixed together with some frozen gases like carbon monoxide and ammonia. It was discovered by Edmond Halley.



The tail always points away from the sun. The best view of Halley's Comet in our area will be in March, 1986, when you will be able to see it in the southeastern sky just before sunrise. It will be just above the tree tops.

You will be about as old as your great-grandparents (76 years older than you are now) when Halley's Comet returns again.

## COMET SPOTTED!

By Eric Martenson Gr.5

My father and I got into the car at 7:45 p.m., drove on I-91, and arrived at the spot at 7:50 p.m. We looked at a certain tree and turned upward first to the left, then to the right, until we saw Aquarius. We found Halley's Comet near the bottom right of the star Aquarius. You can see it best with binoculars. It is not a comet with a large tail, and it doesn't look as bright as a star. It looks like a ball of fuzz. It was very cold outside!

Mrs. Barbara Smith, parent of Michael Smith, Gr.3, has joined NewsCenter as a Parent Advisor. She has been attending all NewsClub meetings, and has agreed to continue her efforts with us! The entire NewsClub staff and the present Advisors, Ms. Sherry Burrell and Mrs. Cynthia Paige extend a big THANK-YOU to her!

## Cartoonist's Advice

By Jimmy Roger Gr.4

Hello, my name is Jimmy Roger. You probably saw my cartoon in the first issue. I did not make up "Is it worth it?", just the cartoon. I once went to a real newspaper in Connecticut. There I met their cartoonist, Bob Englehart. He gave me some advice that helped me a lot. That advice was "no matter what happens, don't get frustrated". So for all you cartoonists out there, keep practicing. It works.

